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MEMORANDUM FOR: AD/DCI/IC

SUBJECT : Life Sciences Committee

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1. During a recent meeting with Dr. Karl Weber, D/SI, and [] DD/SI, I was informed that the meeting Dr. Weber and [] Division Chief, Life Sciences Division/OSI, scheduled with you is to solicit your views on creating a USIB Life Science Committee. [] feels that the new SIC or STIC significantly downgrades the life sciences. His point may be well taken, but establishing another USIB committee for such a narrow subject hardly seems desirable.

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2. During the discussion, I indicated that you were trying to reduce, not proliferate, the number of committees. Dr. Weber offered that he was rather ambivalent on the proposal, but then seemed to agree that a special USIB committee was not necessarily warranted.

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3. While maybe overstating a proposal made earlier, this would be a legitimate dispute for a NIO for Science and Technology to resolve. [] is a physical scientist and [] is a life scientist. Each thinks his area is most important, and demonstrates the parochial nature prevalent in the scientific intelligence community. Broad-gauged, imaginative leadership by a NIO would be a useful step forward.

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